

HOUSE BILL 2247

By Keisling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82; Title 9 and Title 65, relative to gas utility districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-304, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c)

(1) In addition to the authority granted under this section, a gas utility district created under this chapter, or any private act of the general assembly, may file a petition authorized by federal bankruptcy law and take any action necessary or proper to carry out the plan filed with such petition, or any modification of such plan thereafter accepted in writing by said district, if such original or modified plan is approved pursuant to federal bankruptcy law; provided, all petitions pursuant to this subdivision (c)(1) shall be filed prior to January 1, 2016.

(2) Before filing any petition pursuant to subdivision (c)(1), the gas utility district's board and its local legislative body shall each adopt a resolution authorizing such filing.

(3) This subsection (c) applies to gas utility districts with less than one thousand (1,000) customers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.